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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The attention of the Patent Office is drawn to the following copending applications:

Serial No. 09/413,127 (Our Ref: 791_067), filed October 6, 1999;
Serial No. 09/436,849 (Our Ref. 791_071), filed November 9, 1999;
Serial No. 09/441,914 (Our Ref. 791_075), filed November 17, 1999;
Serial No. 09/473,835 (Our Ref. 791_078), filed December 28, 1999;
Serial No. 09/491,171 (Our Ref. 791_081), filed January 25, 2000;

Serial No. 09/494,075 (Our Ref. 791_082), filed January 28, 2000;
Serial No. 09/524,042 (Our Ref. 789_040), filed March 13, 2000;
Serial No. 09/544,013 (Our Ref. 789_045), filed April 6, 2000; and
Serial No. 09/613,536 (Our Ref. 789_051), filed July 10, 2000,

which may contain technical subject matter related to that of the present invention. This identification is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to the cited applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

This paper is being filed in duplicate and the Examiner is requested to initial and return a copy to applicants' undersigned representative with the next communication mailed for this application, as acknowledgment that the copending applications have been considered herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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